

FCC Commissioners  
The Federal Communications Commission RE: Docket 04-435  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Commissioners ,

The air - one of the few places where one has a chance for some quiet and rest! And now you want to allow cell phone use for the convenience of a few. While I might sometimes want to take advantage of this, the down side is far worse, in my opinion. Here are my concerns.

There is no hard evidence that cell phone use doesn't interfere with navigational instruments. We would hope it doesn't, but as technologies change (the addition of GPS tracking, etc.), is there any guarantee that interference can't arise?

The introduction of cell phone use in the cabin WILL increase tension among passengers. You folks at the top of the FAA may not fly in coach much (nor do I suggest that you shouldn't be able to use upgrades), but even in United's Mileage Plus seats, you can't escape from loud conversations. Fortunately, these are now rare on flights (and usually very short). But all one has to do is sit in a waiting area to tell how loud cell phone conversations can become. And who will have to adjudicate disagreements among passengers? Flight Attendants, of course! One more problem for them and a potential for very ugly arguments (have you ever heard a passenger after the doors are closed refuse to get off the cell phone? Not a pretty sight.).

How will flight attendants maintain order in an emergency? Who will be listening for instructions? We are fortunate that we have few times when emergencies do arise, but when one does, how many more will be injured because everyone is on the phone and instructions are missed?

Cell phone use could also enable terrorists to coordinate a plan of action more effectively.

We have phones on many planes now - of course they do cost too much. So maybe the FAA could look into reducing those costs and into the potential to have easier internet connections on planes (again, safety and human factors must be considered).

Please don't make flying more difficult than it has become by adding cell phone use/abuse into the mix! Can't we have somewhere free from cell phones? And I speak as a regular cell phone user (1000 minutes per month or more).

Please leave the current rules in effect.

Sincerely,

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